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FOR PRODUCING PAPER FROM THE STABILIZED PULP

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "B"**Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed following Applicant's submission of requests for a Continued Prosecution Application and three-month Suspension of Action.

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 and 11 to read as follows:

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